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AN ACT

RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR PER DIEM AND MILEAGE EXPENSES;
PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF LEGISLATORS FOR TRAVEL
WITHIN THE STATE ONE HUNDRED MILES OR MORE FROM THEIR HOMES
FOR OFFICIAL INTERIM COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 2-1-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
Chapter 1, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-1-9. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL--IN-STATE TRAVEL.--

A. Out-of-state travel of members, officers and
employees of the legislative branch of government shall be
exempt from approval by any member of the executive branch.

B. Members of the legislature serving on official
business for interim committees within the state shall
receive:

(1) per diem at the internal revenue service
per diem rate as provided in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978 for each
day served, including travel time, and the cost of public
transportation by the shortest, most direct route or mileage
for each mile traveled by the shortest, most direct route by
automobiles at the internal revenue service standard mileage
rate or by privately owned aircraft at the air mileage rate
set out by the rules adopted by the department of finance and
administration pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act; and

1 (2) per diem for one additional day at the
2 internal revenue service per diem rate as provided in Section
3 2-1-8 NMSA 1978 if, in order to serve on official business
4 for an interim committee, a legislator travels to a location
5 that is one hundred or more miles from the location of the
6 legislator's point of departure; provided that, pursuant to
7 policies adopted by the New Mexico legislative council, per
8 diem under this paragraph shall be paid only if the
9 legislator is not entitled to per diem for travel time as
10 provided in Paragraph (1) of this subsection.

11 C. Reimbursement for out-of-state travel on
12 committee business shall be as follows:

13 (1) the cost of the tickets on public
14 transportation by the shortest, most direct route and the
15 cost of airport parking; or

16 (2) mileage at the same rates established
17 for in-state travel if automobiles or private airplanes are
18 used, based on official mileage by the shortest, most direct
19 route; and

20 (3) per diem for the number of days spent in
21 travel and on committee business at the in-state rate
22 provided for in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978; and

23 (4) in no event, however, shall the
24 reimbursement for out-of-state travel exceed the dollar amount
25 that would be due if the member had used first class public

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